

FISCAL NOTE

SB 398 - HB 710

March 18, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates alternative procedures for judges to use when inmates file civil actions which include:

- Requires inmates filing civil actions or appeals to pay partial filing fee at the inception of the lawsuit, if the inmate has money in their trust fund account;
- Provides that an inmate without resources will not be denied filing an action;
- Prohibits an inmate from bringing an action if the inmate has had three or more prior actions dismissed as frivolous.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes some decrease in court resources spent on inmate civil actions and appeals and an increase in local government revenues from additional fees collected and state revenues from filing fees for appeals.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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